I routinely receive telemarketing calls during the evening hours. My elderly mother-in-law reports receiving numerous abandoned calls during the day. This occurs in spite of the fact that my answering machine message clearly stated that I do not respond to telemarketing call.

I have now taken the step of recording the SIT disconnect tone at the start of my answering machine response. I also intend to request that each telemarketer place me on their "do not call" list.

I will also register for the California "do not call" list when it becomes available early next year.

I believe that the establishment and enforcement of a national "do not call" list is one of the most significant things the Federal government can do to improve the everyday life of the citizens of this country.